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Council

**WELCOME ON BEHALF OF:**

**INDEPENDENT SCIENCE &  
PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL OF THE  
CGIAR**

**Ken Cassman  
Chair of ISPC**





## Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research

- 15 agricultural research centers focusing on commodities (e.g. rice, maize, wheat), ecosystems (e.g. Semi-arid tropics) and food policy, located around the globe
- Funding largely co-ordinated through a trust fund managed by the World Bank (approx. \$900 million in 2013)

# CGIAR System-Level Objectives

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- ❑ **a. reducing rural poverty.** Agricultural growth through improved productivity, markets and incomes to reduce poverty especially in the initial stages of development;
- ❑ **b. improving food security.** Access to affordable food is a problem for millions of poor people in urban and rural communities; it requires increasing global and regional supply of key staples and containing price increases and price volatility;
- ❑ **c. improving nutrition and health.** Poor populations particularly suffer from diets deficient in micronutrients affecting health and development, especially in women and children;
- ❑ **d. sustainable management of natural resources.** Agriculture demands better management of natural resources to ensure both sustainable food production and provision of ecosystem services to the poor, particularly in light of climate change.

# ISPC mandate\*



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*ISPC will primarily provide independent advice and expertise to the CGIAR through services to the Fund Council and in support of the Funders Forum, as well as serve as an intellectual bridge between CGIAR funders and implementers, thereby seeking to improve the productivity and quality of CGIAR science, catalyze the partnering of the Consortium and Centers with other institutions of international agricultural research, and support the CGIAR by serving as an honest broker in relevant international fora*

\* [http://www.cgiar.org/pdf/Business%20Meeting%202009/voices\\_for\\_change\\_final\\_jan2010.pdf](http://www.cgiar.org/pdf/Business%20Meeting%202009/voices_for_change_final_jan2010.pdf)

# How the ISPC works

## 4 Major Areas of Activity

1. Strategy & Trends (foresight)
2. Program Evaluation
3. Mobilization of Science
4. Impact Assessment

## ISPC “Products”

*ISPC advice provided through:*

- Study and Review Reports
- Briefs and commentaries to the Fund Council
- Convening key workshops on emerging issues
- **Biennial Science Forum**
- Input to CGIAR Consortium system-wide issues
- Individual contributions of Chair and Members to CGIAR and other fora

# Science Fora



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- Science Forum 09 “**Emerging Technologies**” was organised by the ISPC and held at Wageningen University in the Netherlands
- Science Forum 11 was held in Beijing and co-hosted by the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences on the ‘**Nexus between agriculture and the environment**’
- Science Forum 13 co-hosted by ISPC and BMZ “**Nutrition & Health Outcomes..**”

# Thank yous



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# ISPC Chair and Members in 2013



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